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FM AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8753

USDOC WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, ASEC, TU

SUBJECT: MAY DAY VIOLENCE

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM NEWS REPORTS, MAY DAY MEETING SPONSORED BY LEFTIST TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION ERUPTED INTO VIOLENCE LAST EVENING (MAY 1). LATEST COUNT, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE ACCURATE, IS THAT 37 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND ABOUT TWO HUNDRED INJURED WHEN MAOIST GROUP ENGAGED IN GUNFIGHT WITH OTHER MILITANTS ATTENDING RALLY OF NEARLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND IN ISTANBUL'S MAIN SQUARE. NUMBER OF THOSE KILLED APPARENTLY CRUSHED IN PANIC WHICH ENSUED FOLLOWING OUTBREAK OF GUNFIRE. EXPECTATION OF VIOLENCE WAS WIDELY DISSEMINATED AMONG FOREIGN COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF ANY AMERICANS INJURED. CITY IS QUIET NOW AND SECURITY FORCES APPEAR IN CONTROL OF SITUATION ALTHOUGH OUTBREAKS OF FURTHER VIOLENCE CANNOT BE PRECLUDED.

2. CITY IS CROWDED WITH TOURISTS INCLUDING LARGE NUMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICANS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN IBM CONVENTION NUMBERS ABOUT 1200 DELEGATES. ALSO U.S. MINING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL LATE AFTERNOON MAY 1.

3. FOR USDOC. TRADE MISSION MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC ADVISING FAMILIES THAT THEY ARE WELL AND PRECEEDING WITH THEIR SCHEDULE IN ISTANBULAND LATER ANKARA.

4. WE WILL BE REPORTING IN FULLER DETAIL MAY 1 EVENTS SEPTEL.

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